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X Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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X two (2) sheets of drawings.

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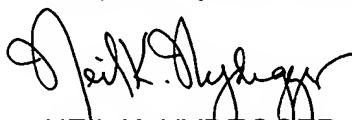
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